

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED  
FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1733 - SB 1646**

March 16, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to give all professional employee organizations equal access to LEA employees. Requires all organizations that use LEA facilities or services for meetings to reimburse the LEA at a reasonable rate. Removes the prohibition against LEAs denying professional employee organizations reasonable access to LEA employee areas and other school property and facilities.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 26, 2011, a fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows:

*Increase Local Revenue - \$5,100*

*The assumptions have been modified to clarify the basis for the fiscal impact. The fiscal impact remains unchanged.*

**Increase Local Revenue - \$5,100**

Corrected assumptions:

- This bill will only affect LEAs. No fiscal impact on state government.
- Some LEAs do not currently charge professional employee organizations for usage of facilities and services.
- Under the provisions of this bill, of the 136 LEAs, 50 percent (68) will host one one-hour meeting per year.
- In some instances, LEAs will not charge professional organizations for some services such as custodial staff if the LEA determines that there was no actual cost for a meeting. The cost for facility rental and travel is an estimated average taken from a sample of LEAs of various student populations. Based on this sample, it is assumed that LEAs will charge an average of \$50 per hour for facility rental and \$25 per hour for custodial services (\$75 for each one-hour meeting) for meetings for which they seek reimbursement.
- Based on the estimated average costs and estimated number of LEAs holding one one-hour meetings, the total recurring increase in local government revenue will be \$5,100 (\$75 per hour x 1 hour x 68 meetings).

- The actual LEA rental rate will be based on the rental rate of the LEA, the length of the meeting, what facility is used, and when the meeting takes place.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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